THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) National Mineral Development Corporation Limited (NMDC) has conducted a market survey. The projected market potential being not very encouraging, NMDC is exploring the possibility of advance sales tie up before taking up test work and preparation of project report.

Nuclear island

2391. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to make "Koodankulam" a Nuclear island;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the Koodankulam Atomic Power Station would start supplying power and what would be its capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Two nuclear power reactors of 1000 MW each are presently under construction at Koodankulam, Tamil Nadu in co-operation with the Russian Federation. The site has potential for setting up additional units.

(c) The commercial operation of the units is planned for December 2007 and December 2008 respectively, and the station capacity by December 2008 will be 2000 MW.

Transfer of officials in NCL

†2392. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of those group A and B officials in Jayant project of Northern Coal Fields Limited, Madhya Pradesh who have been working in the same sections against the same posts and for the last 3,5 or 7 years separately;

(b) the rules regarding the transfer of officials and engineers working in Coal India;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the reasons for not implementing the transfer rules in different coal fields; and

(d) by when all the Officials/Engineers would be transferred as per the transfer rules?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) The details of those group A and B officials in Jayant project of Northern Coal Fields Limited, Madhya Pradesh who have been working in the same sections against the same posts for last 3,5, or 7 years are given below:

Group	3Years	5Years	7Years
"A"	33	13	16
"B"	20	21	66

(b) Salient points of transfer policy of Coal India Limited are given below:—

(i) Transfer should normally be programmed during the beginning and end of the academic year.

(ii) Executives of M1 grade and above who have been working in the same company for more than 10 years be transferred to another company.

(iii) Large-scale transfer is to be avoided, but at least 10% of the executives satisfying the above criteria be transferred each year.

(iv) Executives who have less than two years service left are not to be transferred normally. They may be given a posting of their choice if vacancy is available, keeping in mind the administrative requirement.

(v) Transfer on 'Administrative Ground' may be effected at any time.

(vi) Transfer and posting of executives trained specially should be in line with their specialisation.

(vii) Officer transferred from one company to another will not be transferred to the company in which he was earlier posted before expiry of three years period.

(viii) Executives on promotion from E-5 to M-1 grade and from non-executives to executive cadre except in survey discipline will be transferred out of the company irrespective of length of service in the company.

(ix) As far as sensitive posts in executive cadre are concerned, officers in M1, M2 and M3 grades will be transferred to other subsidiaries on completion of five years. They would be rotated within the company on completion of three years or earlier at the discretion of the management. Officers in E1 to E5 grade will be rotated within the company on completion of three years. Executives of the legal department shall be considered to be occupying sensitive posts and their transfers shall be regulated/governed accordingly.

(x) For non-executive cadre, personnel declared as holding sensitive posts should not be allowed to stay in a particular place for more than 3 years at a time. On promotion from non-executive to executive cadre they will be transferred to other subsidiary companies.

(xi) To start with a decision was taken in 2001 to transfer all the executives of M-1 and above grade who had completed 20 years or more in same company to another company.

(c) As informed by Coal India Limited, the transfer policy is being implemented in all the subsidiary companies of Coal India.

(d) In view of reply to part (c) above, question does not arise.

Minimum wages for labours of Basundhara Project, MCL

2393. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that contractor's labours working at Basundhara Project, M.C.L. Sundargarh, are not being paid minimum wages;

(b) whether it is also a fact that they are being denied other statutory benefits too; and

(c) if so, reactions of Government in the matter?